

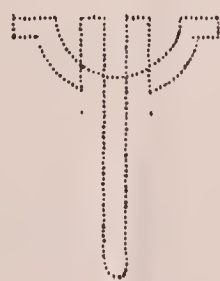
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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
194⁴.



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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH



1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Ottery St. Mary Urban District Council.

I beg to present to you a statement of the
Public Health of your District for the year,
1944.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births Total 49.

Boys 24.

Girls 25.

There was one illegitimate birth.
There was no still birth.

Death Rate Total 55

Male 30

Female 25.

Transferable death 7.

Average age of death 71.

of those deaths:--

2 had reached the age of 90 and upwards.

21 " " " " 80 " " "

38 " " " " " 70 " "

There was one death amongst children
of one year and under.

This was an accidental death.

There were 5 deaths from Cancer.

" " 1 " " Tuberculosis.

Hospital.

During the year 162 In-Patients were treated at the Hospital. 141 operations were performed, and 24 accidents were treated.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

There were more Mothers and Babies on the Register this year, than last, and the centre was open 48 times.

On the Register there were 88 Mothers.

61 Infants.

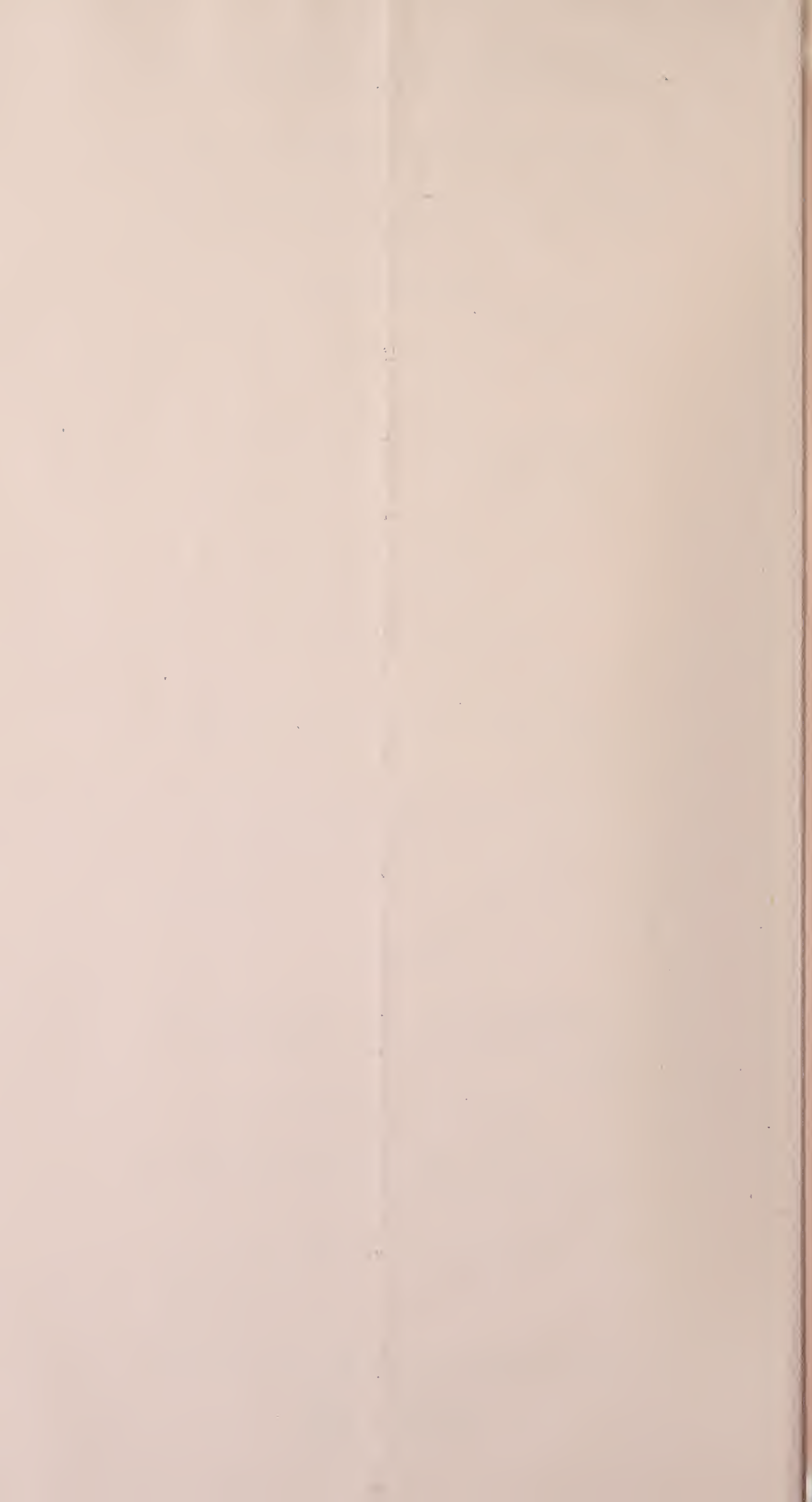
30 Toddlers.

The attendances made were as follows:-

Mothers 739.

Infants	382.
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Toddlers 540.



Prevalence and Treatment of Infectious Diseases.

Towards the end of the year there was a fairly widespread epidemic of Measles, but it was mild in character, and there were no deaths.

The following Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Tuberculosis.	3.
Poliomyelitis.	4.
Scarlet Fever.	1.
Whooping Cough.	1.
Measles.	63.

The Tuberculosis cases were all lung cases - one a male aged 30 - and two females aged 35 and 28.

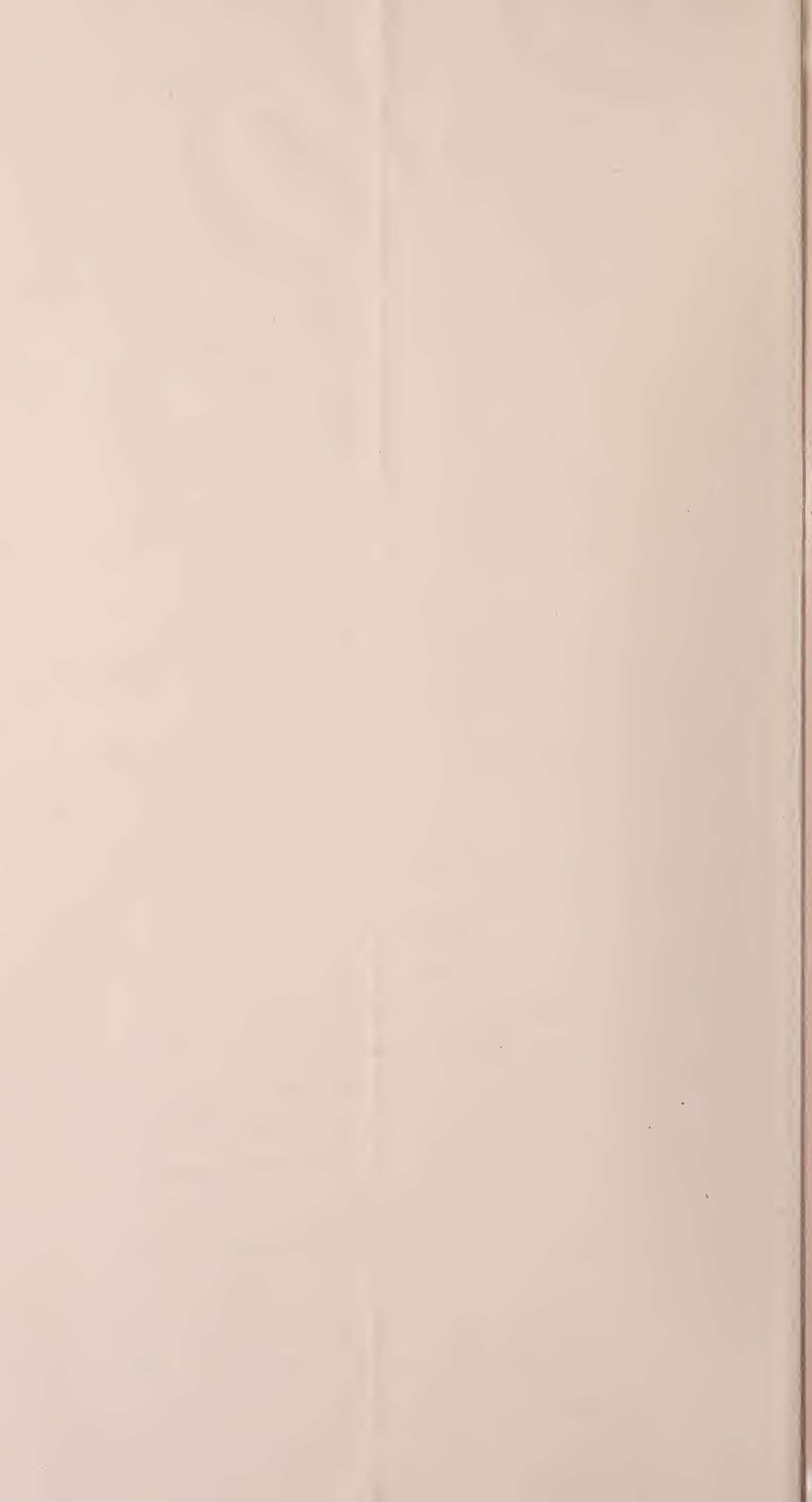
There were no cases of Diphtheria, and I reckon that 97% of the children between 5 and 15 have now been immunised.

I have receive no records of Venereal Disease. The nearest centre for treatment is at Exeter, and any cases that do occur would not come to my notice, but would go to the centre for treatment.

Water Supply.

1. The supply to the town during 1944 has been satisfactory (1) as to quality, after chlorination and (2) as to quantity in spite of drought conditions during the year. The maximum daily flow during the year was 78,000 gallons, and the minimum 52,000 gallons. The minimum is the lowest recorded over the past 10 years. There are approximately 2,000 consumers of this supply.

In the outlying districts the supplies are privately owned and, except in two cases, were sufficient as to quantity and quality.



Water Supply (Continued).

2. Bacteriological examinations were made of the piped supply to the town. The results obtained from the chlorinated water were quite satisfactory.

The unchlorinated water showed evidence of organic pollution.

The chlorination plant is situated approximately 75 yards from the reservoirs. The water is chlorinated at this point before entering the reservoirs.

3. No action has been taken during the year with regard to pollution at the sources, but the possibilities of alternative supplies have been discussed.

4. The supply in the built-up area of the District is piped direct to 634 premises with an approximate population of 2,000, this being 50% of the population according to the 1939 census.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) F. N. SIDEBOTHAM.

Medical Officer of Health.

